



Dr Dan Kelley leads....

# Galapagos Islands Adventure

**4-12 July 2026**

This nine-day (8 night) field trip to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands will expand your knowledge of plate tectonics, volcanic activity, and volcanic hazards by visiting two textbook settings. The group will visit a volcanic site high in the Andes Mountains before flying together to spend 7 days in the Galapagos Islands.

This trip will provide up close and hands-on exploration of volcanic features on three islands across the chain. Sites will include the rim of a shield volcano, lava tunnels in the tropical highlands, lava flows along the seashore, and snorkeling to see submerged features. While retracing Charles Darwin's landmark visit to the islands, there will be much to learn regarding ecology and the

amazing flora and fauna that inspired the Theory of Natural Selection. As the first designated natural UNESCO world heritage site, the Galapagos Islands are a shining example of conservation and sustainable tourism.



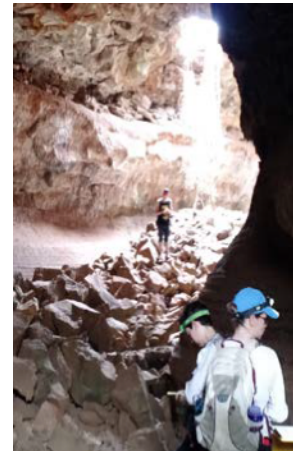
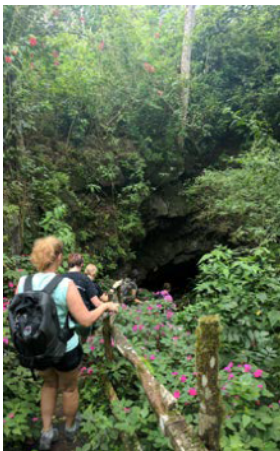
Participants will practice skills of observation and interpretation of geologic features and phenomena ranging from hand sample to the scale of field sites, to tracking plate tectonics. The group will take away life-changing experiences, lesson ideas, examples, and perspectives

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**Trip Cost : US\$4,695\***

(Not including airfares to/from Quito, Ecuador)

Members of GEOetc get a US\$100 discount



## Galapagos Adventure Trip Plan

The group will gather in Quito, Ecuador where the first day will be spend discussing the plate tectonic setting of South America and the different types of volcanic activity that result. The group will travel together from Quito to the Galapagos Islands on 5 July. We will spend 6 days in the islands exploring many types of volcanic processes, features, and landscapes. We will also discuss the unique ecology and animals of the islands as well as the critical balance between conservation and sustainable ecotourism.



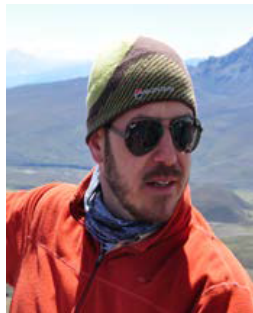
### Accommodation

We will stay in delightful locally owned hotels both in continental Ecuador and in the Galapagos Islands. Participants will be 2 or 3 to a room. We will always be near to stores and dining options.



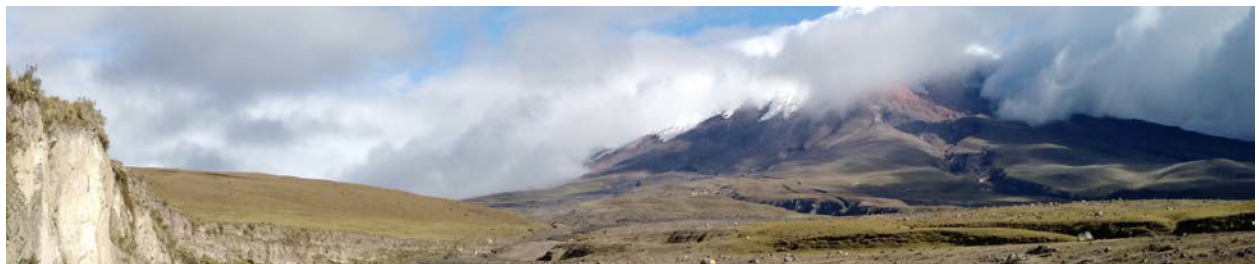
### Transportation

We will commute to our field sites in small busses while in the Andes. When in Galapagos, we will hire a variety of boats for both commuting to field sites during the day and transferring between islands.



### Trip leader

Dan Kelley specializes in the study of volcanoes, their deposits, and teaching volcanic geology in the field. Dan has led many field courses of different lengths and types all over continental Ecuador, the Galapagos Islands, Iceland, and throughout the western US. Dan was inspired in his geology education by studying in the field and now works to use his expertise to provide this experience to as many people as possible.



## What do past participants say...

“Visiting volcanoes in mainland Ecuador and the Galápagos Islands allowed me to learn about a range of different volcanic processes and environments within one breathtaking trip.” - **Marie McBride**

“This trip to Ecuador is a once in a life time opportunity and I highly recommend it. This program is for anyone interested in visiting one of the most beautiful places in the world in order to gain a greater understanding of tectonics, volcanology, and how they fit within a modern global context.”- **Kaitlan Angel**

## How to register for Galapagos Adventure:

Visit the trip website: <https://geoetc.com/galapagos2025/>

It is so easy to register: Click the Registration link, complete the form and pay the deposit using a credit card.

### Trip Details (the fine print)

- Price does not include flights to/from Quito airport.
- Price does include all lodging, ground transportation, round-trip airfare from Quito to the Galapagos Islands, boats, tours, activities. Dinners are not included in order to allow you to explore your options or dine in small groups.
- Please do not book any flights or make any travel arrangement until the trip and your place on it has been confirmed. We will send you details of arrive and departure dates and time as early as possible.
- Transport is in air-conditioned vans. Accommodation is in shared rooms.
- You **MUST** obtain and provide details of international travel/medical insurance.
- The trip is open to all. Use of private or hired vehicles by participants during trip is not allowed.
- Be aware that this trip involves some short hikes you should be moderately fit and have no medical condition that precludes you from participating. Be aware that at times we may be in areas with high sulfur content which can trigger asthmatic and other responses.

### Refund & Insurance policy – 2026

Your deposit is fully refundable, minus a US\$50 administration fee, up until 90 days after you register - called your Deposit Refund Date - or 30 November 2025, whichever comes first. After this date you forfeit your deposit.

Full payment is due before January 15, 2026. There are no refunds after this date. We strongly advise that you take out travel insurance to cover cancellations due to your health or other circumstances.

### Want more information?

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